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Application of: Pramod K. Srivastava

Application No.: 09/411,075

Group Art Unit: 1636

Filed: October 4, 1999

Examiner: Davis, K.

For: PURIFICATION OF HEAT SHOCK/ STRESS
PROTEIN CELL SURFACE RECEPTORS AND
THEIR USE AS IMMUNOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS

Attorney Docket No.: 8449-054-999

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.142**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2000, and pursuant to Rules 115 and 142 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the remarks below. Applicants submit herewith: (1) Exhibit A, a marked-up version of the claim amendments; (2) Exhibit B, a copy of the claims as pending on the entry of the amendments; (3) an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet; and (4) a Petition For Extension of Time (in duplicate) for a period of three months, from December 17, 2000 up to and including March 17, 2001, accompanied by the appropriate fee.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 1 to 50, without prejudice.

Amend claim 51 as follows:

51. (amended) A method for screening a molecule for the ability to modulate heat shock protein receptor activity comprising:

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